

Marine Wildlife Sightings-Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary

Cordell Bank Field Seminar-Oct 19th, 2008

Boat: New Sea Angler, Bodega Bay, CA

7:15am-5:45 PM

Leaders: Lisa Hug and Jennifer Stock (Cordellbank.noaa.gov)

Cetaceans-Baleen Whales

Gray Whale	
Humpback Whale	5
Blue Whale	2
Minke Whale	
Fin Whale	
Other	

Weather-Winds started at 10 knots increasing to 20+ knots in the afternoon.

Visibility-5 miles, overcast till 4pm

Cold

Numbers listed here are approximate

Humpbacks seen breaching in distance and one breach within 50 yards of portside of vessel (late afternoon, just outside Bodega Bay)

Orcas seen altogether, west and north of Cordell Bank, too rough to see patterns on flanks

Other Coastal Birds seen in Bodega Bay: Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Western Grebe, Black Oystercatcher, marbled godwits

Toothed Whales

Bottlenose Dolphin	
Common Dolphin	
Pacific White-sided	8
Northern Right Whale Dolphin	
Risso's Dolphin	
Harbor Porpoise	
Dall's Porpoise	3
Other: ORCA	4

Seals and Sea Lions

N. Elephant Seal	
Harbor Seal	3

Sea Lions

CA Sea Lion	25
Steller Sea Lion	
Guadalupe Fur Seal	
Northern Fur Seal	1
Other	

Fish

Ocean Sunfish (<i>Mola mola</i>)	
Blue Shark	
Other: Salmon shark	1

Birds-Loons and Grebes

Red-throated Loon	
Pacific Loon	
Common Loon	
Red-necked Grebe	
Eared Grebe	
Western Grebe	1
Clarke's Grebe	

Tubenoses

Black-footed Albatross	15+
Northern Fulmar	8
Buller's Shearwater	100's
Pink-footed Shearwater	25
Black-vented Shearwater	
Sooty Shearwater	5
Leach's Storm-Petrel	
Ashy Storm-Petrel	
Other-	

Pelican's and Cormorants

Brown Pelican	10
Double-Crested Cormorant	6
Pelagic Cormorant	
Brandt's Cormorant	4
Other-White Pelicans	15

Shorebirds

Black Oystercatcher	1
Red Phalarope	
Red-necked Phalarope	
<i>Other</i>	

Other: White-Fronted Geese or Brant migrating over offshore waters.

Gulls, Jaegers and Terns

Parasitic Jaeger	
Pomarine Jaeger	
South Polar Skua	
Bonaparte's Gull	
California Gull	70+
Herring Gull	
Thayer's Gull	
Glaucous-winged Gull	
Western Gull	25+
Heerman's Gull	5
Sabine's Gull	
Black-legged Kittiwake	
Caspian Tern	
Elegant Tern	
Common Tern	
Forster's Tern	
<i>Other</i>	

Alcids

Common Murre	15
Pigeon Guillemot	
Ancient Murrelet	
Marbled Murrelet	
Cassin's Auklet	5
Rhinoceros Auklet	10
Tufted Puffin	